Library Council
Minutes
September 16, 2014


1. Announcements/Introductions: What interests you about the Libraries/your relationship with the Libraries
   - Lisa Huettel (Engineering) works closely with matters that relate to her department’s undergraduates, and the resources and services they need. Every time she leaves a Library Council meeting, she has learned something new about the Libraries.
   - Sumi Ariely (Global Health) teaches research methods and ethics and Hannah Rozear, the librarian assigned to Global Health, is a great resource.
   - Jocelyn Olcott (History/Women’s Studies) is interested in resources related to women’s studies.
   - Rick Hoyle (Psychology & Neuroscience) interacts with data in his field.
   - Charlie Piot co-edits a Cultural Anthropology journal that recently went open access; the Libraries are archiving it.
   - Pablo Beramendi (Political Science) is interested in archival materials professionally; his personal interest is that his wife works here.
   - Ann Elsner (Library’s Business Manager), helps figure out where our resources need to go in the future.
   - Tom Witelski (Math) is interested in practical research in terms of electronic access to new data and maintaining access to non-electronic data.
   - Tom Hadzor (Development) enjoys interacting with faculty and learning of their challenges.
   - Len White (Neurobiology) thinks this is one of most energized and informative councils he attends, and he understands the centrality of the Library to what we are all about here at the university. He wants to strengthen ties to groups off the radar.
   - Kim Steinle (Duke Press) publishes in the humanities and the majority of their customers are librarians.
   - Peter Haff (Geology) has Anthropocene as his main interest and last year the Library featured a related exhibit. The Library Council keeps its thumb on the pulse of what’s going on in the University and Peter finds this his favorite committee and the most congenial.
   - Bob Byrd (Collections & User Services) enjoys sharing information and learning from Library Council members.
   - Tim McGeary (Information Technology Services) introduced himself and is soaking up knowledge.
   - Naomi Nelson (Rubenstein Library) finds it a pleasure to hear the breadth of experience in this Council.
• Daniel Schmitt (Evolutionary Anthropology & Human Anatomy Evolution) is impressed with the changing library environment over the last 20 years.

1. Fundraising and Duke Forward/The Libraries: Tom Hadzor
• Communications highlights: “Women at Duke Illustrated” is a new publication this past year. “Cheap Thrills” was an exhibit and cabaret-themed Library party last February with about 3500 students, faculty, trustees, and alumni. David Rubenstein sponsored a Library of Congress event with 85 guests to introduce the Library to potential new donors. Bruce Springsteen’s “Born to Run” manuscript was loaned to us by a donor whose daughter graduated Duke this year, and the manuscript was on display in the Libraries for 8 weeks. Duke Libraries magazine is produced twice a year and RL magazine on Rubenstein Library also comes out twice a year.
• The Annual Fund for operating expenses at the Libraries is the bedrock of all fundraising programs. We raised a little over $900,000 this past year; our goal was $750,000. For the Duke Forward Campaign, which ends in June, 2017, the Libraries’ goal is $45 million. We are ahead of our goal, fueled by gifts for construction. Over the next two or three years, our fundraising campaign will focus on building collections, endowing positions, and supplementing technology and programming needs. The number of Annual Fund donors was 2,065 and total donors was 2,397 this past year, indicating upward trends. FY 15 challenges: renovation of Lilly Library and figuring out what comes after the $45 million. We will be introducing the Library Advisory Emeriti Board. In April 2015, we will dedicate The/Edge and the David. M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library dedication will be in Fall 2015. The Library’s strategic plan dictates the specific fund raising goals.

2. Update on The Edge: Joel Herndon and Liz Milewicz
• In determining a name for the research commons, we wanted it to conceptually relate to what we wanted to accomplish but also to be catchy the way the Link is. Deborah came up with “The Edge,” which suggests standing on the brink and trying something you have never done. Physically, it is on the far side of the Library.
• Joel and Liz are looking at programs and opening date is January 5, 2015. There will be 9 project rooms, 2 research labs, a digital scholarship room, lecture room, and lounge for informal meetings and discussions. Core themes are research, interdisciplinary, digitally reliant, data-driven and team-based. The motivation is the rise in team-based research, demand for digital research support, and revisioning subject librarian roles.
• Liz: noted that The Edge will offer consultation, training and assistance with data management, digital curation, scholarly communication, digital tools, digitization and research into unfamiliar topics. We also offer spaces supporting a range of research activities such as teaching, testing and work labs; training and presentation room; reservable project room; consultation room; lounge, and help desk. There will be opportunities for trying, applying and sharing new approaches to research for all
members of the Duke research community. They partner with other labs on campus such as SSRI and FHI and are happy to receive proposals.

3. Agenda brainstorming for the coming year: All
   - Ethics of digitization and how the Libraries fit in with global resources.
   - Town and gown issues in Durham; how we reach out to the non-Duke community and how they use us
   - TRLN and how combined storage facilities are working, as well as ILL
   - Open access question and conversation with Duke Press about that too.
   - Comparison of Duke Libraries to peer libraries.
   - Role of Library Council as advocates for Library
   - How open access and ILL inform collection assessment

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Grossman, Recorder